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2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 3

District 1 Commercial Period 1

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Fall Season Emergency Orders # 3 and 4

The 2017 fall chum salmon preseason run projection is for a run size greater than 1.1 million fish. This level of abundance is typically sufficient to meet escapement and subsistence needs, and provide a surplus for commercial and personal use purposes. A mixture of both summer chum and fall chum salmon are currently entering the Yukon River. Commercial fishing in the lower river at this time will likely harvest a mixture of both stocks.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, including the **Set Net Only Area** (see attached map), on Monday, July 17 from 3:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 18. This will be a 12-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size. The sale of incidentally caught Chinook salmon is allowed.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

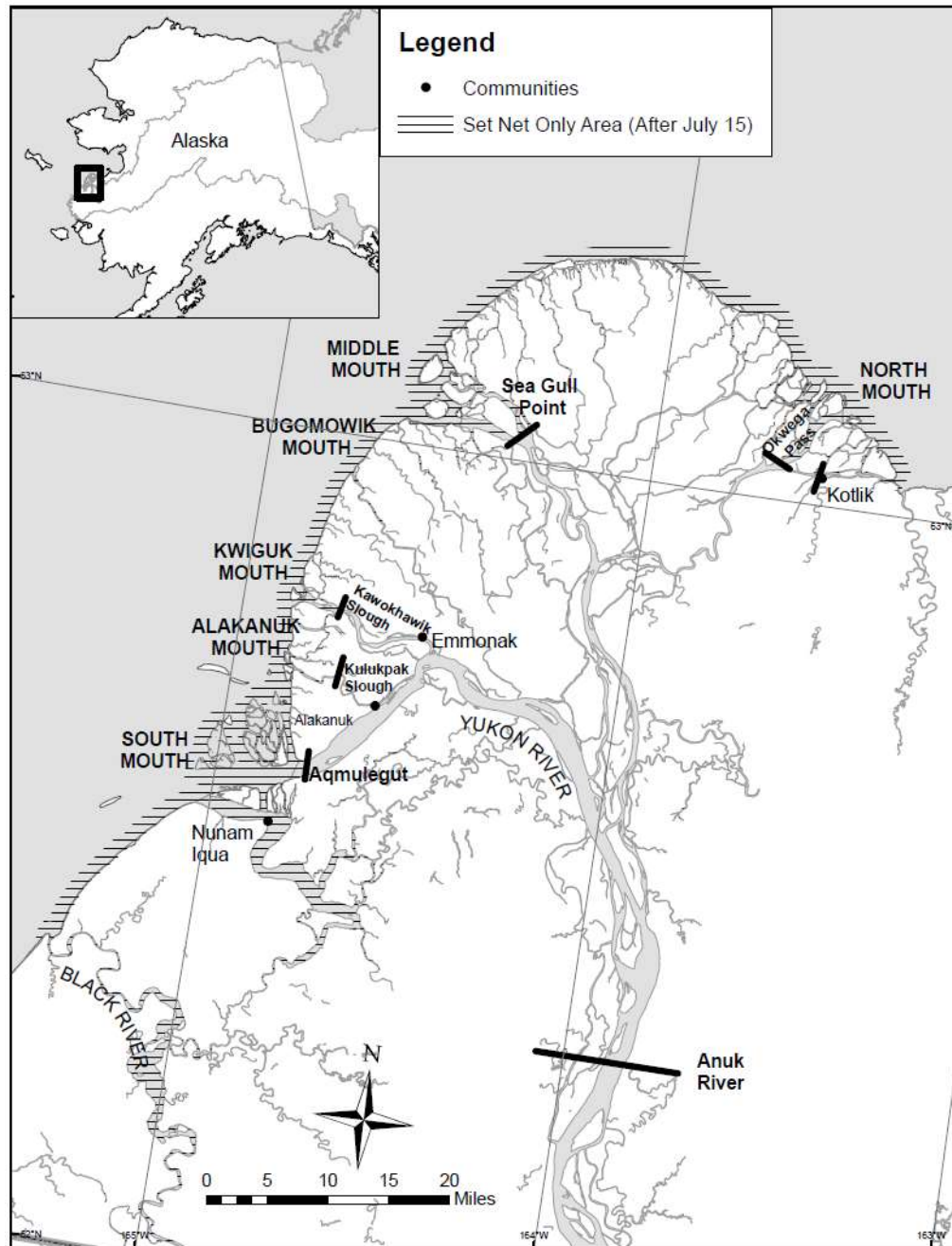
Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. In District 1, subsistence salmon fishing will close at 3:00 a.m. Monday, July 17, and reopen at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 19. Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G

office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Map of District 1 Set Net Only Area